

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Reiff-Keener Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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District 13
Map 23
Parcel 81MACI # 220445535
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Reiff-Keener Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Cearfoss Pike)

East of Maryland Route 58, southeast of Cearfoss

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Edgar M. Keener

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 246

Folio #: 381

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located just southeast of Cearfoss, east of Maryland Route 58, the Hagerstown-Cearfoss Pike. The barn and house face south and are situated near a small stream which originates from a spring on the property.

The house is a two story, four bay brick structure with a two story, two bay addition to its east end wall. The addition has a lower roof line and is narrower than the main section. The west or original portion of the house rests on fieldstone foundations which become a full story in height at the rear elevation. Bricks forming the walls are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation with other walls showing common bond. Flat arches of brick are present above the openings.

Windows are aligned with each other in the walls. They have narrow frames which hold nine over six light sashes at both the first and second story levels. Six over six light sashes are present in the addition.

Entrances in the main section of the house are located under the recessed double porch. The doors appear to be framed similarly to the windows and are topped with transoms. Two doors are present at the main story level, one in the third bay from the west end of the front wall and one in the west wall of the recessed porch. Doors are also present at the second story level. The porch is supported by square posts with brackets.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house are a pair of outbuildings, a stone and board and batten springhouse and a frame outkitchen, also board and batten.

Just west of the house and outbuildings the stream passes beneath a stone arched culvert displaying carefully cut radiating voussoirs.

Northwest of the stream and the other buildings is a large stone end bank barn. Like most stone end barns in this region, it has vertical ventilator slits in its end walls. According to the owner, a datestone on the barn near its roof is inscribed with the year 1825.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 53.50 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Barn 1825

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm group consists of a two story, four bay mid 19th century house with a recessed double porch along part of its front elevation, and a large stone end bank barn dated 1825. A springhouse, outkitchen and other secondary structures are also part of the complex. Together they form a comprehensive farmstead with a typical arrangement of necessary structures. The house with its recessed double porch is an example of an important 19th century regional form. The barn, like many structures in Washington County utilizes native stones as the building material. Also worthy of note is the stone arched culvert near the home. A number of stone bridges and culverts remain in Washington County, although most are located on public roads. It is unusual to find a structure this elaborate on a private lane. Since the mid 19th century this farm has been in the Reiff, Strite and Keener families. It includes part of the land grants "Salem" and "Republican." See deeds IN15/162, IN19/141, 76/473, 74/474, 99/481, 129/320, 209/69.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 53.50 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

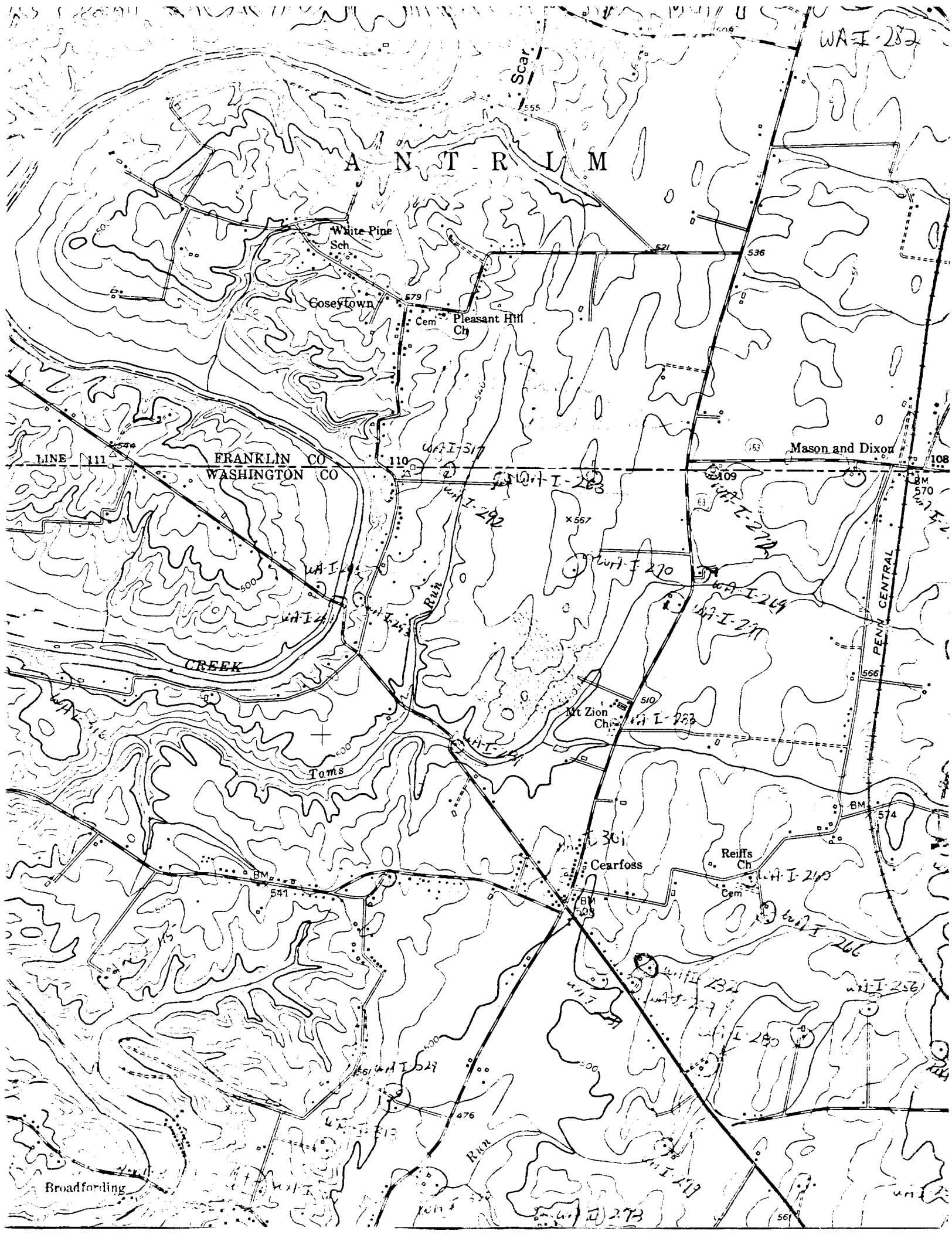
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Maryland 21740

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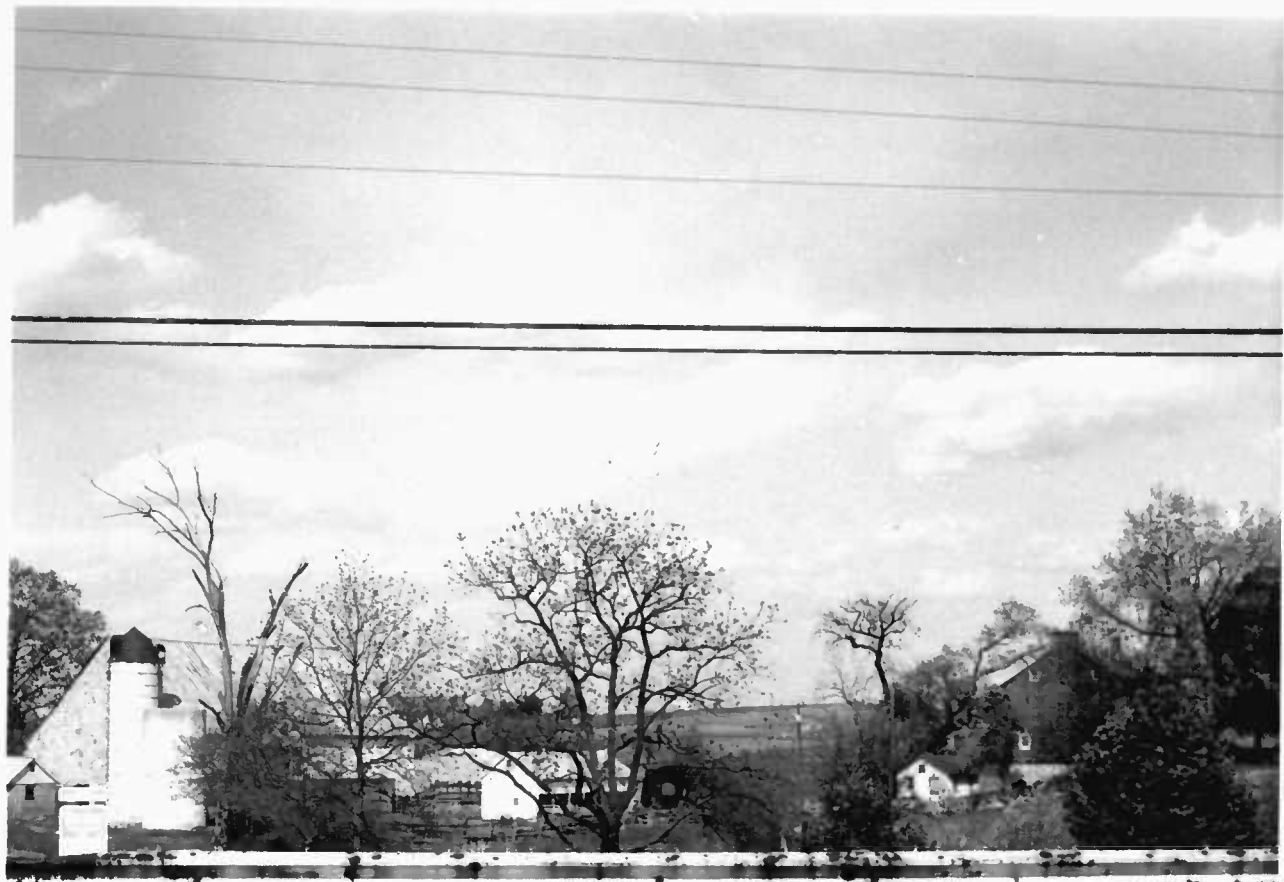
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April, 1977

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Born S.



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Culvert

W.

Dec. 1974

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